

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Date: February 14, 1995

FROM: GERALD W. MINNIS, COMMANDER TO: MICHAEL NAGAOKA, CAPTAIN
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND INDUSTRY STATION
TRAINING DIVISION

SUBJECT: FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
-- HIT SHOOTING, JUNE 27, 1994, PSTD #007917

The purpose of this memo is to notify you of the review committee's findings and recommendations concerning the hit shooting incident which occurred on June 27, 1994.

The committee met on February 10, 1995, and consisted of myself and Commanders Ashby (FOR II) and Hammargren (Court Services). We found that the use of deadly force by Deputies Raye Morales [REDACTED] Kenneth Wright [REDACTED] and William Cassidy [REDACTED] was within department policy. Please notify the deputies of this finding.

The committee recommends that you commend the desk personnel on their professional demeanor and clear communications, which assisted in no innocent citizens being injured.

Accompanying this memo is the original PSTD Response Team package which contains the IAB and training reports. Please evaluate the included material and complete and sign the enclosed form documenting your recommendations and actions. The package should be forwarded to your division chief within 30 days.

GWM:smk

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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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**OFFICER INVOLVED
SHOOTING EVALUATION**

UNIT: Industry Station
DATE: June 27, 1994
TIME: 1940 Hours
LOCATION: [REDACTED] Ragus Street

URN#: 094-10501-1430-011
IAB#: 007917
**NATURE OF
INCIDENT:** On Duty Officer Involved Shooting/Suspect Deceased

COMPLETED BY: Sergeants Timothy Cornell and Rickey Jennings
Internal Affairs Bureau

DATE: October 6, 1994

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INCIDENT DATA

WHAT INITIATED INCIDENT

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Observation

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Search Warrant

☐

Arrest Warrant

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LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE

[REDACTED]

TYPE OF LOCATION

Residence

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Business

☐

Industrial

☐

Parking Lot

☐

Street

☐

Backyard

☐

Freeway

☐

Rural

☐

Other

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SHOOTING CONDITIONS

DATE

June 27, 1994

TIME

1940 hours

DAY

Monday

LIGHTING

Daylight

WEATHER

Clear and Hot

DISTANCE

35 to 45 Feet

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

Suspect Barajas was involved in an earlier double murder several blocks away from the location of this shooting. Deputy personnel were contacted by an eyewitness to those murders and advised that the suspect was armed with a 9MM handgun, which was wrapped in a white cloth around the suspect's right hand, and from which he had fired numerous rounds. Deputies confronted the suspect on the front porch of the location and after numerous attempts to get the suspect to surrender, the suspect pointed his right cloth wrapped hand at the deputies. The deputies acting on the eyewitness' information and being in fear of their lives, fired several rounds at the suspect. The suspect was struck one time in the head and subsequently died as a result of this injury.

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CLASSIFICATION

ACCIDENTAL:	No
GUN TAKE-AWAY:	No
PERSON(S) ARMED:	Yes
PERSON(S) UNARMED:	N/A
STARTLE:	No
UNINTENTIONAL:	No
DEPUTY IN UNIFORM:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RAID JACKET: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PLAIN CLOTHES: <input type="checkbox"/>
VEST WORN:	Yes
FOOT PURSUIT:	No
VEHICLE PURSUIT:	No
MOVING VEHICLE:	No
VEHICLE STOP:	No
TYPE OF HOLSTER:	Department Issue
GUN IN HOLSTER:	No
STRUGGLE INVOLVED:	No
ADDITIONAL FACTS AND INFORMATION: See Investigative Summary	

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DEPUTY INVOLVED

SHOOTER						
EMPLOYEE'S NAME EVERS, Kenyon						
RANK Deputy Sheriff		EMPLOYEE NO. [REDACTED]		UNIT AND DIVISION / REGION OF ASSIGNMENT Special Enforcement Bureau/F. O.R. III		
SEX Male	RACE White	HEIGHT 6' 02"	WEIGHT 215	DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]	AGE [REDACTED]	
DUTY STATUS Continuing on duty					HIRE DATE 04-01-82	
UNIFORM Yes		RAID JACKET No		PLAIN CLOTHES No		VEST Yes
INJURED No				DECEASED No	CORONER'S CASE NO. N/A	
DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES N/A						
WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE? YES [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] NO [] WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW? YES [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] NO [] WHERE? Watch Commander's Office, Industry Station SUPERVISED BY: Sergeant Alfred Maldonado						
WEAPON USED						
TYPE 9mm Beretta			AUTHORIZED Yes			
AMMUNITION TYPE 9mm Issue			AUTHORIZED Yes			
RANGE QUALIFICATION (LAST DATE) [REDACTED]		NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED BY DEPUTY 2 rounds		NO. OF HITS Unknown		
DEPUTY'S TOXICOLOGY						
UNDER THE INFLUENCE No		TEST FOR CAUSE ORDERED No		ORDERED BY N/A		
TRAINING INFORMATION						
LASER VILLAGE TRAINING (LAST DATE) [REDACTED]			PRACTICAL POLICE COURSE (LAST DATE) [REDACTED]			

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ASSIGNMENT HISTORY

DATE _____

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT

RANK**.10/91 to Present**

Special Enforcement Bureau/ F.O.R. III

Deputy Sheriff



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PRIOR SHOOTING INCIDENTS (ALL KNOWN INCIDENTS WHERE DEPUTY HAS DISCHARGED A WEAPON INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES AND SHOTS FIRED AT ANIMALS OR HUMANS)

FILE

DATE _____

TYPE

1000000

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DEPUTY INVOLVED

SHOOTER					
EMPLOYEE'S NAME MORALES, Raye					
RANK Deputy Sheriff		EMPLOYEE NO. [REDACTED]		UNIT AND DIVISION / REGION OF ASSIGNMENT Industry Station/Field Operations Region III	
SEX Male	RACE Hispanic	HEIGHT 5' 10"	WEIGHT 195	DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]	AGE [REDACTED]
DUTY STATUS Continuing on duty				HIRE DATE 09/14/88	
UNIFORM Yes		RAID JACKET No		PLAIN CLOTHES No	
				VEST Yes	
INJURED No			DECEASED No		CORONER'S CASE NO. N/A
DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES N/A					
WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE? YES [X] NO [] WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW? YES [X] NO [] WHERE? Watch Commander's Office, Industry Station SUPERVISED BY: Sergeant Alfred Maldonado					
WEAPON USED					
TYPE 9mm Beretta			AUTHORIZED Yes		
AMMUNITION TYPE 9mm Issued			AUTHORIZED Yes		
RANGE QUALIFICATION (LAST DATE) [REDACTED]		NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED BY DEPUTY 5 rounds		NO. OF HITS Unknown	
DEPUTY'S TOXICOLOGY					
UNDER THE INFLUENCE No		TEST FOR CAUSE ORDERED No		ORDERED BY N/A	
TRAINING INFORMATION					
LASER VILLAGE TRAINING (LAST DATE) [REDACTED]			PRACTICAL POLICE COURSE (LAST DATE) [REDACTED]		

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DEPUTY INVOLVED

SHOOTER					
EMPLOYEE'S NAME CASSIDY, William					
RANK Deputy Sheriff		EMPLOYEE NO. [REDACTED]		UNIT AND DIVISION / REGION OF ASSIGNMENT Industry Station/Field Operations Region III	
SEX Male	RACE White	HEIGHT 6' 00"	WEIGHT 190	DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]	AGE [REDACTED]
DUTY STATUS Continuing on duty				HIRE DATE 01/30/85	
UNIFORM Yes	RAID JACKET No	PLAIN CLOTHES No		VEST Yes	
INJURED No			DECEASED No	CORONER'S CASE NO. N/A	
DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES N/A					
WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE? YES [X] NO []					
WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW? YES [X] NO []					
WHERE? Watch Commander's Office, Industry Station SUPERVISED BY: Sergeant Alfred Maldonado					
WEAPON USED					
TYPE 9mm Beretta			AUTHORIZED Yes		
AMMUNITION TYPE 9mm Issued			AUTHORIZED Yes		
RANGE QUALIFICATION (LAST DATE) [REDACTED]		NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED BY DEPUTY 3 rounds		NO. OF HITS Unknown	
DEPUTY'S TOXICOLOGY					
UNDER THE INFLUENCE No		TEST FOR CAUSE ORDERED No		ORDERED BY N/A	
TRAINING INFORMATION					
LASER VILLAGE TRAINING (LAST DATE) [REDACTED]			PRACTICAL POLICE COURSE (LAST DATE) [REDACTED]		

DEPUTY INVOLVED
Continued

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY		
DATE	UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT	RANK
05/91 to Present	Industry Station/ Field Operations Region III	Deputy Sheriff
PRIOR SHOOTING INCIDENTS (ALL KNOWN INCIDENTS WHERE DEPUTY HAS DISCHARGED A WEAPON INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES AND SHOTS FIRED AT ANIMALS OR HUMANS)		
FILE	DATE	TYPE

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SUSPECT/SUBJECT

LAST NAME Barajas			FIRST NAME Jorge			M/I NMN	
ADDRESS [REDACTED]							
SEX: Male	RACE Hispanic	HEIGHT 5' 08"	WEIGHT 160	D.O.B. 05-18-76	AGE 18	DECEASED Yes	
INJURED Yes		DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES Single fatal gunshot wound to head/Dog bites to left leg					
SUSPECT'S TOXICOLOGY Unknown							
UNDER THE INFLUENCE Unknown							
TYPE OF SUBSTANCE Unknown				LAB TEST CONDUCTED Yes			
ARMED See Incident Data Contributing Factors				TYPE OF WEAPON 9 MM Semi-Automatic Handgun			
NUMBER OF SHOTS FIRED BY SUSPECT See Incident Data Contributing Factors				NUMBER OF HITS See Incident Data Contributing Factors			
SUSPECT VEHICLE N/A							
CRIMINAL HISTORY (ATTACH COPY OF RAPS) See Exhibit "J"							
SUMMARY OF INCIDENT See Incident Summary							